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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 285

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 285 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and
5 Coal Resources Development Law of 1997 is amended by adding
6 Section 6-5.5 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 687/6-5.5 new)

8 Sec. 6-5.5. Renewable energy grants.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department may establish
10 and operate a renewable energy grant program to assist school
11 districts in the installation, acquisition, construction, and
12 improvement of renewable energy resources in the public
13 schools, including without limitation solar energy (such as
14 solar panels), geothermal energy, and wind energy.

15 (b) Application for a grant under this Section must be in
16 the form and manner established by the Department. The grant

1 shall cover 50% of the cost for which the grant is sought, up
2 to a maximum grant of \$1,000,000, if the applicant school
3 district is able to demonstrate that it has funds to pay the
4 other 50% of the cost. The school district may accept private
5 funds for its portion of the cost.

6 (c) The Department may adopt any rules that are necessary
7 to carry out its responsibilities under this Section.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
9 2007.".